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# Corrigan Statement Raps Procedures

William J. Corrigan, attorney for Dr. Sam Sheppard, issued the following statement today:

"In my opinion, Sam Sheppard is not guilty of the murder of his wife. I suppose that with this action the police and everyone is satisfied that the murder of Mrs. Sam Sheppard has been solved and that now all efforts to apprehend the person who in our opinion is the murderer will be abandoned.

"It will therefore necessitate the Sheppards to employ their own detectives to attempt to run down the murderer.

## Gives Police Two Leads

"At five o'clock last night, I called the chief of police of Bay Village and gave him two leads involving an individual somewhere between Bay Village and Sandusky.

I don't suppose that either of the leads have been followed out. While Dr. Sam Sheppard has been around his home and attending to his work since he was released from the hospital, he was arrested at the unusual hour of 10 p. m. at night.

"On being notified, Mr. Peter-silge and myself went to Bay Village, where we discovered that everyone had been notified by the

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authorities except us. Newspapers, radio, television and the public were in the vicinity where the arrest was made.

"He was taken to the City Hall and behind locked doors without benefit of counsel, the attendants being refrained by the authorities who had him in custody. He was arraigned not before a magistrate but before a councilman. When we arrived at the police station we found it locked and no one would respond to our knocking at the door.

"We attempted to contact Weygandt, the village solicitor, the chief of police, the councilman who issued the warrant. They all refused to answer their telephones. After considerable search we found that the man had been brought to the County Jail.

"Arriving at County Jail we were refused admittance. Why criticize Russia?

"I am going to file a writ of habeas corpus this morning because I believe that the councilman who issued the warrant is without jurisdiction. The mayor is the magistrate under the law. And I am informed that he was present at the hearing last night."